

**ABSOLUTE RATING:**      **Excellent**  
**IMPROVEMENT RATING:**      **Good**

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 28. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from good to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

*(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)*

#### RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
<b>2001</b>	Excellent	Good
<b>2002</b>		
<b>2003</b>		
<b>2004</b>		

#### TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	84.3	82.0	80.2	72.8	76.1	76.1
• Passed 2 subtests	11.0	11.8	13.0	15.5	14.1	14.0
• Passed 1 subtest	2.2	4.5	4.9	7.5	7.0	6.7
• Passed no subtests	2.5	1.7	1.9	4.3	2.8	3.2

<b>ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS</b>	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	37.2%	29.5%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	37.4%	31.2%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	77.1%	57.3%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

#### PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Seniors			
Student Group	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
<b>All students</b>	99.1%	37.2%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	95.5%	25.0%	
Students without disabilities	99.4%	37.8%	
<b>Gender</b>			
Male	100.0%	43.4%	
Female	98.4%	32.4%	
<b>Ethnic Group</b>			
African American	98.2%	10.0%	
Hispanic	100.0%	0.0%	
White	99.3%	45.7%	
Other	100.0%	50.0%	
<b>Lunch Status</b>			
Free/reduced-price lunch	100.0%	18.9%	
Pay for lunch	99.1%	39.1%	

#### STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	66.0%
Completers placed	100.0%
Eligible students enrolled	51.5%

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dollars spent per student	\$4,760	N/A	\$4,951	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	91.1%	Up from 90.6%	91.1%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	31.2 to 1	N/A	26.6 to 1	25.1 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=2,065)</b>				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	84.9%	N/A	63.9%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	95.6%	Down from 95.9%	95.7%	95.3%
• Retention rate	6.7%	Down from 7.5%	7.4%	10.0%
<b>TEACHERS (n=124)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	11.5 Days	Up from 6.1	7.4 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	96.6%	Up from 95.3%	95.8%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	58.9%	Down from 62.6%	56.9%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	74.2%	Down from 74.4%	81.9%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	2.4%	Up from 1.7%	3.0%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	84.4%	Down from 88.1%	88.0%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$37,395	Up 2.8%	\$39,012	\$38,125

#### SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dropout rate	0.4%	Up from 0.2%	2.7%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	58.7%	N/A	57.4%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	3.0	N/A	3.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	64.2%	N/A	61.0%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• Older than usual for grade	9.4%	Down from 10.0%	6.3%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	112	N/A	26	29
• Gifted and talented	16.7%	Up from 10.2%	11.2%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	9.0%	Up from 8.5%	8.8%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	2.9%	N/A	2.7%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	1064	N/A	464	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	74.5%	N/A	26.7%	23.1%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Wando High School continues to offer a superior education and a rich high school experience for its students. The leadership of dedicated teachers and the strong support of parents and community members have contributed greatly to Wando's success. In the senior class of 2001 there are three National Merit Finalists, one National Achievement Award recipient, and two National Merit Commended students. Wando's 2001 SAT Team again won the 7-AAAA Region championship. The number of students on the Honor Roll has doubled since the 1997-98 school year and now includes nearly 40% of the student body. Ninety-two percent of Wando students are enrolled in eight courses each year, greatly exceeding the minimum 24 credits for graduation. Student participation in school life is at an all-time high as measured by involvement in student clubs, athletics, academic teams, and performing arts. Although the overcrowded, out-dated facility continues to be a problem, there is a renewed sense of Warrior pride and energy. Our primary goals include expanding our curriculum offerings, insuring our courses are aligned with South Carolina Curriculum Standards, providing technology and Internet access to our classrooms, and helping all students succeed academically.

Lucy Beckham, Principal

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	70.9	62.2	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	66.7	74.6	
Satisfied with home-school relations	84.7	81.7	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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**Grades** 9-12 High School

**Enrollment:** 2,065 Students

### Principal

Lucy Beckham 843-849-2830

### Superintendent

Dr. Ronald A. McWhirt 843-937-6319

### Board Chair

Ms. Elizabeth H. Alston 843-723-0941

## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

**2001**

School Grade:  
Excellent

### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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